

## Ultrasound (US) Abdomen with Contrast Patient Instructions

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WEEKS or DAYS before your appointment:  
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- **Preparation:** You must follow ALL INSTRUCTIONS in this letter. Your doctor has been notified about your appointment.
- **Arrange childcare:** For safety reasons, children cannot accompany you in procedure rooms and cannot be left unattended.
- **Arrange a support person:** An adult support person is welcome to accompany you to your appointment.
- **Know if you're pregnant:** If you're pregnant, consult with your doctor before proceeding with your appointment.
- **Consult your diabetes care provider:** If you're taking diabetes medications or using Insulin Pump Therapy, consult your diabetes care provider before your appointment. [www.ipumpit.ca](http://www.ipumpit.ca)

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HOURS before your appointment:  
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### Stop eating and drinking

- 6 hours before your appointment if you **DO NOT** have diabetes.
- 4 hours before your appointment if you have diabetes.

**Take your prescribed medication** with a small sip of water, as directed by your doctor.

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BRING to your appointment:  
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- Current list of medications (prescription and over the counter).
- Any medication you may need during your appointment.
- Healthcare card.
- Picture identification.
- Eyeglasses, hearing aid(s), and mobility aid/device.
- Patients with diabetes - insulin and glucometer
- Green sleeve that includes your Goals of Care (GOC) Designation Order form if you have one.

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DO NOT bring:  
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- Leave valuables at home.
- Limit the number of items you bring to your appointment.

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AT your appointment:  
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- **Consent is required:** A legal representative (parent or alternate decision maker) must be available (in person or by telephone) to provide consent for all patients under the age of 18, or any patients that do not have the capacity to make health care decisions.
- You may be provided with a hospital gown to change into.

- You will have an intravenous (IV) line placed in your arm, which will be used to inject non-iodizing contrast. Contrast will make parts of your body more visible in images.
- Your appointment may take up to 3 hours.